

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
September 11, 2002

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Borne  
Mike Kennedy  
Sylvia Kiel  
Peggi Little  
Betty Martin  
Dr. J. Douglas Nelson  
Katherine Startin

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steven Campbell  
Amy Clem  
Alfonso Lerma, Jr.

Chairman Sylvia Kiel called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 5, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Vice Chairman Mike Kennedy announced that a quorum of the Commission members were in attendance. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the Commission meeting of July 10, 2002.

The Chairman introduced new SSACI Commission member, Mr. Thomas K. Borne, who will represent the Fourth Congressional District. Chairman Kiel asked about our student commission member reappointment process. Mr. Dennis Obergfell said the student committee search is ongoing.

Chairman Kiel called on Mr. David Perlini to present his Executive Director's report. Mr. Perlini reported that the agency hosted the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices seminar on August 12-13, 2002 at the Marriott Hotel. He said attendees were very interested in getting a detailed understanding of SSACI's Twenty-first Century Scholars program. Mr. Perlini made a "New Directions and Strategies for Merit-Based Aid" presentation at the NGA Center for Best Practices which was held at the Embassy Suites in Charleston, West Virginia on August 27-28, 2002. He said his presentation was well received and that the "Indiana Model" was cited by academic research as the best combination of merit and needs based financial aid programs.

The Chair asked Nick Vesper to brief the Commission on the 2001-2002 Annual Report. Mr. Vesper outlined some of the details of the report, which included an overview/breakdown of program changes and activity.

At Chairman Kiel's request, Dennis gave his Grant Division report. Mr. Obergfell told the Commission that SSACI and ISFAA will present high school counselor workshops (sponsored by SSACI) at various locations throughout the state starting October 17, 2002 and concluding on November 14, 2002. Mr. Obergfell said the workshops are intended to educate high school guidance counselors and others who advise students about state, federal and campus-based financial aid programs. Kathy Moore will be representing SSACI and doing the presentations, including updating counselors about SSACI's new March 10, 2003 FAFSA receipt date deadline.

Mr. Obergfell reminded Commission members that SSACI now works with the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to administer the Child of Veteran and Public Safety Officer Supplemental Grant Program (CVO). Mr. Obergfell said the CVO Program provides tuition and fee assistance at public colleges for eligible children of disabled Indiana veterans and eligible children and spouses of certain Indiana public safety officers killed in the line of duty. He said that the agency has been working with the DVA to clarify program guidelines.

Chairman Kiel asked Dennis Obergfell to speak on behalf of the Twenty-first Century Scholars program for Floyd Worley and Pat Moss. Mr. Obergfell mentioned that the number of award offers for the 2002-2003 academic year was approximately 8,900 for over \$18 million. He said that there will be a state wide enrollment kick-off for seventh and eighth graders on October 14-18 and that public service announcements will be made for students to sign up for this program and sixteen support sites will implement activities and enrollment events across the state. He reported that the number of possible students enrolled in college for this year is 8,317 and 3,931 students affirmed the pledges. Mr. Obergfell reported for the summer of 2001, 98 students were funded \$69,000 for Gear Up summer scholarships.

Chairman Kiel asked Yvonne Heflin to speak on behalf of the Special Programs division. She delivered the following report:

### **Federal Program**

#### **Robert C. Byrd Scholarship**

139 (New Recipients)	\$868,500 (2002-03 Allocation)
<u>440</u> (Renewal Recipients)	
579	Each scholar was awarded \$1,500 for the year.

### **State Programs**

#### **Minority Teacher & Special Education Services Program**

\$490,000 (2002-03 Allocation)

#### **Nursing Fund Scholarship Program**

\$440,000 (2002-03 Allocation)

#### **Summer Work-Study Program**

Last day for students to participate is September 15, 2002  
Last day for employers to submit claims October 1, 2002  
Annual Reports from employers are due November 1, 2002

Chairman Kiel called upon Dr. Douglas Nelson to assist with the nomination of new officers. Dr. Nelson nominated the following slate of officers for the year beginning September 2002:

Chairman: Sylvia Kiel  
Vice-Chairman: Mike Kennedy  
Secretary: Dr. J. Douglas Nelson

Hearing no other nominations, the Chairman entertained a motion to vote on the slate of nominees. Dr. Nelson moved that R-9.2002.4 be adopted. The motion was seconded and then passed unanimously.

The Chairman announced the next order of business was the adoption of the 2003-2005 Operating Budget Request. Chairman Kiel asked Mr. Perlini to address the operating budget. Mr. Perlini noted that for the past several years the award methodology has been based on the actual tuition and fees of Indiana institutions, with an additional supplemental amount if a student chooses to go to a private or a proprietary school. As a result, student financial aid has risen proportionately in line with actual tuition and fees with the institutions in the state. He said that the agency's proposed budget, which maintains the current award methodology, has resulted in a request for unprecedented increases in funding due to the fact that there have been extraordinary increases in tuition and fees. Mr. Perlini commented on several "what if" strategies that the agency needs to explore in more detail in the event the agency's final appropriation does not meet its requested amount. Nick Vesper then presented SSACI's budget request to the Commission and Katherine Startin proposed a corresponding resolution in support of the budget (R-9.2002.5). Once the motion was made it was seconded and passed unanimously.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Sylvia Kiel, Chairman

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. J. Douglas Nelson, Secretary